

Key figures

Financial highlights <i>in HK\$ million</i>	2001	2000	% Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenue			
Fare	5,728	5,715	0.2
Non-fare	1,864	1,862	0.1
Operating profit from railway and related operations before depreciation	4,059	3,914	3.7
Profit on property developments	3,248	3,376	(3.8)
Operating profit before depreciation	7,307	7,290	0.2
Profit attributable to shareholders	4,284	4,069	5.3
Total assets	98,128	92,565	6.0
Loans, obligations under finance leases and bank overdrafts	31,385	27,203	15.4
Shareholders' funds	54,049	50,355	7.3
Financial ratios <i>in %</i>			
Operating profit from railway and related operations before depreciation as a percentage of turnover	53.5	51.7	3.5
Debt/equity ratio	58.1	54.0	7.6
Return on average shareholders' funds	8.2	8.5	(3.5)
Interest cover <i>in times</i>	3.8	3.8	–
Share information			
Earnings per share <i>in HK\$</i>	0.85	0.81	4.9
Dividend per share <i>in HK\$</i>	0.42	0.10*	N/A
Share price at 31 December <i>in HK\$</i>	10.20	13.65	(25.3)
Market capitalisation at 31 December <i>in HK\$ million</i>	51,563	68,250	(24.4)
Operations highlights			
Total passenger boardings <i>in millions</i>			
MTR Lines	758	767	(1.2)
Airport Express Line	9.0	10.3	(12.8)
Average number of passengers <i>in thousands</i>			
MTR Lines <i>weekday</i>	2,231	2,240	(0.4)
Airport Express Line <i>daily</i>	25	28	(10.7)
Fare revenue per passenger <i>in HK\$</i>			
MTR Lines	6.81	6.73	1.2
Airport Express Line	62.5	53.1	17.7
Proportion of franchised public transport boardings <i>in %</i>			
All movements	23.5	24.1	(2.5)
Cross-harbour	57.4	57.9	(0.9)
Proportion of transport boardings travelling to/from the airport <i>in %</i>			
Airport Express Line	27	28	(3.6)

* Represented dividends for approximately three months during which the Company's shares were listed in 2000.